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1. FONOFF (LALOY) ADVISES US FRENCH WILL SUGGEST THAT FIRST STEP IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ACTION RE KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH ON GERMANY SHOULD BE TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADORS IN BONN. THEY WOULD REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS, ASSESS GERMAN REACTIONS, ESTIMATE POSSIBLE MEASURES OF RETALIATION WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO WEST IN EVENT OF SOVIET MOVES AFFECTING STATUS OF BERLIN, AND REPORT TO GOVERNMENTS. BASED ON THESE TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATIONS, GOVERNMENTS COULD THEN DECIDE WHETHER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN OFFICES WERE INDICATED.

2. LALOY STRESSED THAT ATTITUDE OF GERMANS THEMSELVES IS KEY FACTOR IN PRESENT SITUATION, AND THAT THIS REINFORCED DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING CONSULTATIONS IN FIRST INSTANCE IN BONN.

3. LALOY BELIEVES SOVIETS DEFINITELY INTEND TO TURN OVER CONTROLS ON LAND ACCESS TO BERLIN TO GDR. IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE IMPORTANT FOR THREE POWERS TO WORK OUT CLEAR LINE ON WHAT THEIR ATTITUDE WILL BE RE GDR VISAS, GDR PERSONNEL AT CONTROL POINTS, ETC. LALOY IS RECOMMENDING THAT FRENCH ADOPT VERY FIRM LINE AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF GDR VISAS, SINCE HE FEARS THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS MOVE, WHICH MIGHT APPEAR RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS FROM PUBLIC STANDPOINT, WOULD INEVITABLY START

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PROCESS LEADING TO OTHER CONCESSIONS OF INCREASINGLY
UNDESIRABLE TYPE.

4. LALOY SAID HE WAS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ISSUANCE TRI-
PARTITE DECLARATION, AT LEAST FOR PRESENT.

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